



1. March 2016
Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent

Pastors, Pastoral Coordinators, Deacons, and others:

I pray that your Lenten observances have thus far been fruitful in preparing to celebrate the coming paschal feasts. During this Jubilee of Mercy Archbishop Sartain made available to the faithful a series of talks by Sr. Inga and Sr. Caterina of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. At these evenings or days of Mercy held throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle thousands of the faithful were able to receive the message of Divine Mercy and further had the opportunity to venerate the relics of Pope Saint John Paul II and Saint Faustina Kowalska. Archbishop Sartain has directed me to make these relics available to you in order to bring them to your parishes throughout the remainder of this extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as an occasion to continue to share the message of the mercy of the Father.

The Liturgy Office will be coordinating the scheduling of those parishes who wish to arrange for the relics of St. John Paul and St. Faustina to be conveyed to the parish for veneration by the faithful. You may reach the Liturgy Office at 206.654.4652 or by e-mail at andrew.casad@seattlearch.org in order to reserve the relics for your parish, campus ministry, or faith community. Once reservations have been made guidelines for the transportation and display of the relics will be sent to you. In addition the Liturgy Office, together with Pam Gunderson whom the archbishop has designated to assist with the arrangements for the Jubilee of Mercy, will be available to assist you should you desire direction in how to make use of the pair of first-class relics.

On a related note I wanted also to let you know that Fr. Joseph Corpora, CSC, will be in the Archdiocese of Seattle from September 30 to October 2, 2016 as a missionary of mercy and will be making presentations in both English and Spanish. More details will be announced as they are finalized.

I encourage you to visit the portal for the Jubilee of Mercy, <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/mercy> in order to find the latest events, resources for your parish communications, and catechetical aids throughout this extraordinary year.

Once again, I pray you and all the faithful in your care are growing closer to Christ through our Lenten discipline. Please know that the Liturgy Office is here to support you in your pastoral ministry to continue to cultivate thriving liturgies that imbue the faithful with the true Christian spirit and fostering processes of Christian initiation that form men and women for a lifetime of missionary discipleship.

Sincerely in Christ,

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